

Administrative Notice DMMA 01-2009

TO: All Staff

DATE: January 27, 2009

SUBJECT: 2009 Federal Poverty Level and Medical Assistance Income Limits

BACKGROUND

The 2009 Federal Poverty Level guidelines were announced in the Federal Register on January 23, 2009. The Federal Poverty Level guidelines are used to compute income eligibility standards for:

- Low Income Pregnant Women and Children
- Low Income Adults in the Expanded Population
- Transitional Medicaid (second six months)
- Family Planning (second year)
- Delaware Healthy Children Program
- Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB)
- Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB)
- Qualifying Individual 1 (QI-1)
- Qualified Disabled Working Individual (QDWI)
- Delaware Prescription Assistance Program (DPAP)

DISCUSSION

The monthly countable income limits are effective January 1 for pregnant women and children, adults in the expanded population, Family Planning, Delaware Healthy Children Program and QDWIs. The income limits are effective February 1 for the Delaware Prescription Assistance Program. The income limits are effective April 1 for QMBs, SLMBs, and QI-1s, who have title II income. The 2009 cost of living adjustment (COLA) received by a QMB, SLMB, or QI-1 is disregarded until April 1, 2009. The income limits are effective July 1 for the second six months of Transitional Medicaid. The income limits for Transitional Medicaid will be issued prior to July 1.

- Pregnant women and infants under age 1 must have family income at or below 200% of poverty. Pregnant women count as 2 (or more) family members.
- Children age 1 through age 5 (under age 6) must have family income at or below 133% of poverty.
- Children age 6 through age 18 (under age 19) must have family income at or below 100% of poverty.
- Adults in the expanded population must have family income at or below 100% of poverty.
- Families eligible for Transitional Medicaid must have income at or below 185% of poverty during the second six months.
- Children in the Delaware Healthy Children Program must have income at or below 200% of poverty.
- A woman eligible for Family Planning must have income at or below 200% of poverty at the second year redetermination.
- A QMB must have income at or below 100% of poverty.
- A SLMB must have income at or below 120% of poverty.
- A QI-1 must have income that is over 120% of poverty but does not exceed 135% of poverty.
- A QDWI must have income at or below 200% of poverty.
- For DPAP, an individual must have income at or below 200% of poverty
- For a family size greater than 10, add \$3,740 to the annual income for each family member.

The attached charts show the income limits for the various medical assistance programs and the premium amounts for the Delaware Healthy Children Program.

ACTION REQUIRED

The new income limits will be updated in DCIS with the appropriate effective dates.

DCIS will identify any cases that were denied or closed due to income between 12/19/08 and the date the new income limits are put into production. The new income limits will be in production on 1/27/09. Staff will receive a report of these cases and will need to run eligibility for these cases. DCIS II will be updated with these new amounts.

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2009 Countable Income Limits for Federal Poverty Level Related Medical Assistance Programs

Family Size	Annual income 100% FPL	Monthly Income 100% FPL Age 6 through 18 Uninsured Adults	Monthly Income 133% FPL Age 1 through 5	Monthly Income 200% FPL Pregnant Women Infants Family Planning DPAP
1	10,830	903	1,201	1,805
2	14,570	1,215	1,615	2,429
3	18,310	1,526	2,030	3,052
4	22,050	1,838	2,444	3,675
5	25,790	2,150	2,859	4,299
6	29,530	2,461	3,273	4,922
7	33,270	2,773	3,688	5,545
8	37,010	3,085	4,102	6,169
9	40,750	3,396	4,517	6,792
10	44,490	3,708	4,931	7,415

Family Size	Monthly Income 100% FPL QMB	Monthly Income 120% FPL SLMB	Monthly Income 135% FPL QI-1	Monthly Income 200% FPL QDWI
1	903	1,083	1,219	1,805
2	1,215	1,457	1,640	2,429

Delaware Healthy Children Program
2009 Countable Income Limits
200% FPL

Family Size	Monthly Income
1	1,805
2	2,429
3	3,052
4	3,675
5	4,299
6	4,922
7	5,545
8	6,169
9	6,792
10	7,415

Delaware Healthy Children Program
Monthly Premium Based on Countable Family Income
% of FPL

Family Size	Monthly Income >100% <= 133% Premium \$10	Monthly Income >133% <= 166% Premium \$15	Monthly Income > 166% <= 200% Premium \$25
1	904 - 1,201	1,202 - 1,499	1,500 - 1,805
2	1,216 - 1,615	1,616 - 2,016	2,017 - 2,429
3	1,527 - 2,030	2,031 - 2,533	2,534 - 3,052
4	1,839 - 2,444	2,445 - 3,051	3,052 - 3,675
5	2,151 - 2,859	2,860 - 3,568	3,569 - 4,299
6	2,462 - 3,273	3,274 - 4,085	4,086 - 4,922
7	2,774 - 3,688	3,689 - 4,603	4,604 - 5,545
8	3,086 - 4,102	4,103 - 5,120	5,121 - 6,169
9	3,397 - 4,517	4,518 - 5,638	5,639 - 6,792
10	3,709 - 4,931	4,932 - 6,155	6,156 - 7,415